

Minutes of February 11th, 1919.

In pursuance of public notice, the Board of Public Works met this day in the office of the State Treasurer, in the City of Annapolis, at 12 o'clock, Noon, there being present Hon. Emerson C. Harrington, Governor, Hon. Hugh A. McMullen, Comptroller, and Hon. William P. Jackson, Treasurer.

Whereupon the following bids, each accompanied by a certified check in the proper amount, were opened:

David J. Wilson, ----- bid \$1,940 for two bonds.

Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, and A. B. Leach and Co., Inc., N. Y. ----- \$1,504,365.00 for all or none.

Alexander Brown and Sons, ----- bid for each \$100. - 100.31.

Mercantile Trust and Deposit Co., of Baltimore, and First National Bank of New York, ----- bid 99.89 for all or none.

After opening all the bids submitted, the Board went into Executive session, whereupon, on motion, duly seconded, the following bid was accepted:

Bonds awarded to Alexander Brown and Sons at their bid of 100.31, which figures \$1,504,650.00.

Upon motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded by Governor Harrington, it was moved that the checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to them at once.

Upon motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded, the Board adjourned until two o'clock the same day.

After recess, the Board of Public Works reconvened at two o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of November 26th, 1918, and January 3rd, 1919, were read and approved.

A letter from Hon. Hugh A. McMullen, Comptroller of the Treasury, relating to the payment of several bills rendered by the Annapolis Water Company amounting to \$130.09, for furnishing water to the State House, Court of Appeals, Governor's Mansion and Power House.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that these bills be paid.

A bill from the C. & P. Telephone Company for telephone service furnished the State of Maryland at 603 Union Trust Building, amounting to \$32.05.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from Hon. William P. Jackson, enclosing a bill from E. J. Richardson and Sons covering policy on new garage building at the Maryland House of Correction amounting to \$102.96.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from Hon. William P. Jackson, enclosing bill of E. J. Richardson and Sons for \$471.60 covering policies Nos. 41-815, 571,525 and 202,683.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from Hon. Hugh A. McMullen, Comptroller of the Treasury, relating to his investigation as to the advisability of securing new filing cases for the Land Commissioner's office, Mr. McMullen having been designated by the Board at their last regular meeting to investigate this matter and make a report thereon.

Mr. McMullen reported that the cases mentioned were not suitable for the use of the Land Commissioner in their present condition, and suggests that Mr. Shepherd be asked to try to have a definite proposition made by some file manufacturing company. Mr. McMullen will make a further investigation and report to the Board at a latter date.

A letter from J. Ramsay Barry and Company stating that the \$55.00 additional premium, which was ordered verified by the Secretary of State at the Board of Public Works' last meeting, is correct and is for insurance on the State House building.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from Milton Dashiell asking to be advised whether or not the State of Maryland or the State Tobacco Warehouse propose to pay the award as made by the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the award in this case be paid out of the contingent fund of the Board of Public Works, provided it can be done without inconvenience to the fund.

A bill from J. Ramsay Barry and Company for \$220.00 for insurance on the State House and furniture.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from State Treasurer William P. Jackson, relating to a bill for insurance premiums from Boyd A. Reinhart of Cumberland, covering renewal of policies on State House amounting to \$550.00.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

Two audits were brought to the attention of the Board relating to the Public Service Commission, one showing the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended April 30th, 1918, and the other for the five months ended September 30th, 1918.

The Board ordered that the same be filed.

The annual report of the State Auditor's office for the year ended November 30th, 1918.

The Board ordered that the same be filed.

A letter from the State Board of Examiners of Motion Pictures Operators in which they advise the Board of Public Works that they are desirous of having the books and accounts of their

office audited by the State Auditor, and asking the authority of this Board for the same.

Moved and seconded that the State Auditor be directed to examine the books of the State Board of Examiners of Moving Picture Operators.

A letter from State Treasurer William P. Jackson enclosing a bill from J. Ramsay Barry and Company amounting to \$275.00 for premiums on insurance.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the same be paid.

A letter from Hon. William P. Jackson, State Treasurer, relating to a bill in the amount of \$1,045.00 from Messrs. Haller and Company, Frederick, covering renewal of policies on State House and contents.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from State Treasurer William P. Jackson enclosing a bill of \$240.00 from E. J. Richardson and Sons covering insurance on Power Boat "Murray".

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the same be paid.

A letter from State Treasurer William P. Jackson enclosing a bill from W. S. Gordy, Jr., Salisbury, relating to renewal of insurance policies on State House and Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, amounting to \$211.00.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the same be paid.

A letter from W. P. Jackson, State Treasurer, enclosing a bill from E. J. Richardson and Sons covering additional premium on policy issued December 2nd, 1918, amounting to \$26.56.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the same be paid.

A letter from State Treasurer, William P. Jackson, enclosing a bill from Maury and Donnelly-Williams Company amounting to \$1,155.00 covering renewals of insurance on the State Police Boat Gov. R. M. McLane.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A letter from The Bond Buyer asking authority to publish the advertisement for the sale of the \$1,500,000.00 Road Bonds in said paper.

The same was ordered filed.

A letter from State Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen, enclosing a communication from J. W. Rickey regarding a written proposition in connection with the rental of a small frame building located on the site recently purchased by the State Armory Commission in the City of Cumberland, and offering as rent for said building the sum of \$7.00 per month.

It was moved and seconded that this matter be referred to Mr. McMullen and whatever action he desires to take in the matter will be approved by the Board of Public Works.

A letter from State Treasurer Wm. P. Jackson enclosing a

bill from E. J. Richardson and Sons in the amount of \$61.61 for insurance premiums on policies covering property at the State Normal School (colored).

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

A bill from Boyd A. Reinhart of Cumberland, in the amount of \$172.00 for insurance on State Normal School #2.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that this bill be paid.

Senator Jackson, the State Treasurer, reports that the check for \$14,000.00 referred to in the minutes of the Board of Public Works on November 26th, 1918, was turned over to Dr. Fulton, Secretary of the State Board of Health, by order of a ruling from the Attorney General.

The State Treasurer also reports that the insurance on the House of Correction garage has been placed, as ordered in the minutes of the Board on November 26th, 1918, to wit: "Ordered, that the State Treasurer negotiate the insurance on the House of Correction garage".

Attorney-General Albert C. Ritchie brought before the Board an agreement between the State of Maryland and W. H. Winstead Company, Inc., relating to the proposition of said company under date of August 1st, 1918, concerning ownership of alley between the State Tobacco Warehouse and the property of Winstead Co. The agreement was read by General Ritchie.

The Board of Public Works authorizes the Governor to execute the paper after it has incorporated in it the substance that is contained in the Resolution of the Board of Public Works at its meeting of August 8th, 1918.

A letter from the Council of Defense to Mr. McMullen asking permission to rent for a week, the latter part of March, the Armory for the purpose of having an automobile show.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that permission be granted and the matter left entirely to Mr. McMullen.

Gen. Lawrason Riggs, Mr. William G. Baker and Mr. Faulkner, representing the Maryland School for Boys appeared before the Board of Public Works endeavoring to have this Board appropriate a certain sum of money to take care of a deficit at the Maryland School for Boys. -- The Governor explained to the above named Gentlemen that the Board of Public Works had no fund from which it could draw money for just such emergencies as herein enumerated, but the Governor with the other two members of the Board, Mr. McMullen and Mr. Jackson made the following Resolution.

Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Board of Public Works pledges its moral support to go before the Legislature of 1920 and the Governor of the State, whosoever may be that officer at the time designated, on behalf of the Maryland School for Boys to provide some means of taking care of the deficiency at said school amounting to approximately \$14,000. or \$15,000.; said deficiency being caused by war conditions. The Board also requests the Gentlemen of said school to continue running the institution as economical as possible and the sense of the Board of Public Works is that the Legislature shall make an appropriation sufficient to cover this deficit.

Dr. Burdick, together with several other ladies, representing the Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls, ap-

peared before the Board of Public Works endeavoring to have this Board appropriate a certain sum of money to take care of a deficit at the said school. -- The Governor explained to the above persons that the Board of Public Works had no fund from which it could draw money for just such emergencies as herein enumerated, but the Governor with the other two members of the Board, Mr. McMullen and Mr. Jackson made the following Resolution.

Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Board of Public Works pledges its moral support to go before the Legislature of 1920 and the Governor of the State, whosoever may be that officer at the time designated, in an effort to have the Legislature appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$11,000. or \$12,000. to take care of the said deficit at the Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls.

A letter from Mason and Mason, Attorneys at Law, Hagerstown, Maryland, addressed to Mr. McMullen, the State Comptroller, calling the Board of Public Works' attention to the fact that the Capital Stock Tax for the year 1897 of the Peoples' National Bank of Hagerstown, had not been paid for said year and asking the Board to accept the payment of the principal, which is \$142.00, less interest.

Upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried it was ordered that Mr. McMullen, the Comptroller, be authorized to accept the check of the Peoples' National Bank in the amount of \$142.00 in payment of this tax bill, abating the penalty and interest thereof, in full settlement of said bill.

Letters were read by Mr. McMullen, the Comptroller, from Mr. Gilmor S. Hamill, Attorney at Law, relating to the taxes due the State of Maryland from the Western Maryland Coal and Coke Company.

Mr. McMullen was directed to take this matter up with the Attorney General of Maryland.

Col. E. Austin Baughman, the State Automobile Commissioner, appeared before the Board of Public Works in reference to the proposed new quarters of the Automobile Commissioner in the recently vacated premises of the Maryland Historical Society, corner of St. Paul and Saratoga Streets, Baltimore.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary of the Board.